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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR Sheriff and Collector.

The CURRENT is authorized to announce the name of J. L. Quay as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Eddy county, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primaries to be held Aug. 5, 1896.

Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce the name of C. Stewart, of McMillen, as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Eddy County subject to the democratic primaries Aug. 5.

J. D. WALKER.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Sylvia P. Quay requests the CURRENT to announce her name as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primaries Aug. 5.

W. R. WITT.

COUNTY ASSESSOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor of Eddy county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. W. F. COCHRAN.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR Probate Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Probate Clerk of Eddy county, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries. W. B. OWENS.

ED. C. ROBINSON.

Probate Judge.

Judge Ananias Green requests the CURRENT to announce his name for re-election to the office of Probate Judge.

N. CUNNINGHAM.

National Democratic Ticket.



For President:
Wm. J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice-President:
ARTHUR SEWALL, of Maine.

Now, who will bolt?

Organize a Bryan club.

Let gold bug democrats wait until democracy wins and then come back.

If Bryan is not elected we may say good-bye to the day of rights for honest labor.

What's the matter with a ratification meeting to endorse the democratic national ticket?

Let the gold bugs of the democratic party bolt. Who cares, they represent only republican states.

Wm. J. Bryan's ambition is to see the president and senators elected by direct vote of the people.

Moneyed men will have no more influence with President Bryan than those who earn their bread by the sweat of their face.

The Lordsburg Liberal has practically bolted the republican party, at least for this year, on account of the financial plank.

R. M. Johnson from Monte Vista, Colo., came in last Thursday by wagon with his family and will probably remain in the valley.

The populists of Nebraska, Kansas and Georgia have come out for Bryan, and his dollars to doughnuts will be endorsed in St. Louis the 22nd.

A gold bug is a republican and all who do not like free silver can vote the ticket or not; Bryan and Sewall will be elected just the same. Gold bug votes are not wanted.

The convention at Chicago was controlled by the common people for the first time in a national convention since Jackson was nominated, and Bryan will prove a second Jackson.

Those pops who have been so long out of the democratic fold on a matter of principle, can now come home. The fighters who were left in the party have triumphed in the cause of the people.

Recollect that in county as well as in national politics, the CURRENT is a democrat and if its choice is not nominated in the primaries it will support the nominees. Can all democrats say as much?

It is said there will be money used among the delegates to the populist convention to endeavor to prevent Bryan's nomination by that body. It is also reported there will be millions of dollars used in Illinois and Indiana to proselyte the free silver sentiment. To offset this there will be need of money for postage, for literature, for the legitimate expenses of speakers and hundreds of other things. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is chairman of the national democratic executive committee and he is not rich. The friends of the cause of bimetallism are found principally among the common people and from among the common people must come the funds to fight organized wealth composed of the gold bugs of Wall street and the protected manufacturers of Pennsylvania and other eastern states. Quay and Carnegie, Wanamaker and Speckles, all the pines will be arrayed against the present bold stand of the old democratic party. For this reason there exists an urgent need of a popular subscription to defray expenses incident to the campaign. Who will start it? What is the best plan? Will not the friends of silver in New Mexico each give a little? Let each of those who believe in bimetallism give a small sum and the aggregate will aid materially in some close state. Why does not the Democrat of Albuquerque or New Mexican of Santa Fe start the ball rolling, have committees in each county gather the small donations and forward to some bank in Albuquerque or Santa Fe, when the whole might be tendered the national committee as a token of gratitude from the people of a territory who have suffered more and been crucified longer on the cross of gold than any other political division of the earth. For years our faith has kept us out from among the constellation of states of the union. We are like the slaves before the war. We have no vote in national matters. We are governed by appointed officials and our prosperity is retarded by the very fact that many refuse to move to a territory just because in so doing they lose the right of suffrage. Were the people of this territory believers in the single gold standard the territory would have been admitted four years ago and possibly twelve years ago, and will never be admitted unless the cause of silver is successful in the coming campaign. For these reasons it behoves every person in New Mexico with the least spark of free Americanism to set to work to assist in the election of the next president and with him both houses of congress. The best investment a New Mexican could make with one day's labor would be to give it to the cause of silver this year.

The democrats of Eddy county will meet Aug. 1, to nominate delegates to the territorial council and representative convention. Mr. Dills of the Republic in Roswell, is slated for representative, and U. S. Bateman for council, and unless some other complication develops both will be nominated. Well, there might be worse men go to the legislature than either. Bateman is a real democrat. He does not believe in a tariff tax of any kind and if he continues in this belief he will soon come to ground value tax as the only method of support of government. He has held down expenses in Eddy county. He believes in economy but when he goes to Santa Fe he will have plenty of opposition, for there is not a more extravagant set of men on earth than a New Mexico legislature is generally composed of. The last legislature cost more for employees or servants than the last four terms of the Nebraska legislature and a Nebraska legislature represents a population of ten times that of New Mexico. The salaries of employee, though enormous and a plain steal, was nothing compared to the appropriations which were just daylight robbery. It was generally admitted that the increase in fees of sheriffs, etc., was purchased by the sheriffs and others benefited. Territorial tax in New Mexico is out of all reason as well as town and county tax. Unless the people elect men to represent them who will fight for the principle of economy we may expect to continue to have high taxes, and true democracy does not contemplate extravagance. Mr. Bateman, however, is averse to his name being mentioned in connection with the council, but says that if he is the choice of his party for the house he will accept, but is under no circumstances a candidate even for the house. Mr. Bateman's objections to making the race for council consist mainly in the fact that he is unable financially to cover five big counties and do his part in the campaign. The CURRENT believes from its acquaintance with the getieman that should the democracy find no more available man that Mr. Bateman would accept the nomination though against his individual judgment.

W. H. WITT announces to-day for the office of assessor. Mr. Witt is one of the old settlers and perfectly competent to fill the office of assessor. He resides on Black river where he has farmed for six years never having engaged in politics, but owing to the continued requests of friends has decided to run for assessor.

To those who know the CURRENT it is probably unnecessary to say that the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan is more than satisfactory. Over four years ago we predicted that Bryan would be president and he will. It is said he is a populist. This is absolute

ly without foundation. Bryan was elected twice to congress on the democratic ticket. He belongs to the straight democracy of Nebraska which compelled the gold bugs two years ago to put up a ticket by petition under the Australian ballot in Nebraska. Bryan's crowd controlled the regularly organized party and he never was a bolter. He did say he would bolt if the Chicago convention was manipulated against silver, thereby placing principle above party, but Bryan never bolted.

It is the other fellows who will bolt; the very ones who were accusing Bryan of being a populist. Bryan will get the populist vote because the democratic platform voices true democracy. Bryan is a young man in his 37th year, born March 19, 1860, but he is a man of ideas and convictions and with all an extremely moral and religious man, purer in character than many of our most modest christians. When Bryan was in Eddy, January 22nd last, he said to the CURRENT that the only hope of statehood for New Mexico rested with the triumph of silver's cause, that as long as congress was controlled by gold bugs we might expect to remain a territory, for this territory is for free silver. It therefore behoves every resident of the territory who desires admission to ask his friends in the states by letter or otherwise to vote for Bryan that this territory may obtain its just rights.

The individual is but an atom; he is born, he acts, he dies, but principles are eternal.—Wm. J. Bryan.

The above is true democracy. No man amounts to anything, and when one concludes that he alone is the democratic party he will have a lesson to learn no less bitter because acquired by experience. A democratic newspaper is not supposed to advocate men, only so far as they assist to forward the eternal principles of honesty, economy and justice—the rocks upon which true democracy is founded.

It is indeed refreshing to note the attitude of some self-styled democrats; men who

know nothing whatever of principle;

men who believe the party is organized to put them in office and for no other reason;

men who never studied the true meaning of democracy and only know the name as a means through and by which to plunder the people.

The beneficiaries of a high tariff despise the name democracy, and the Rockefellers-Morgan syndicate would crush the last vestige of it from the earth. Men who want office just for what is in it are not democrats, but instead are mungwumps and do the cause more harm than good, and the sooner they find their way to the pie-party of republicanism the better.

As an inducement to some of our subscribers who happen to be slightly in arrears—though perfectly responsible—to pay for the CURRENT during the coming month, the following offer is made: To all new subscribers or those who pay up all arrears to July 15 the CURRENT will be sent for one year from July 15, 1896, for only seventy-five cents cash. This offer will only hold good until August 15, after which date the regular subscription price will be collected—\$2.00 per annum.

The democratic national convention did right in not endorsing Cleveland. While Cleveland may be honest, he has let a batch of New York money men make a fool of him in the last few years. There was a time when Cleveland made a good president, in 1885-86-87 and 88. Since then he has been getting the elephantiasis cranium and can not feel for the common people.

The republican party appeals to those people who expects spoils. It promises the sheep men a tariff to raise the price of wool, the beet farmer a tariff on sugar to raise the price of beets, and those to whom it does not give in this way it promises fat office. It is what a republican wants and pie is what a republican will have if successful.

President Convention.

Whereas, S. T. Bitting, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for the county of Eddy, has issued a call for a democratic convention to be held in the town of Eddy on Saturday, August 1st, 1896, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the territorial, council and legislative conventions to be hereafter called, and

Whereas, as per said call, Eddy precinct No. 1, will be entitled to 33 delegates in said convention.

Now, Therefore, in obedience to said call and by virtue of authority given me as chairman of Eddy precinct No. 1, I hereby call a precinct democratic convention for precinct No. 1, to be held in the town and county of Eddy on Saturday, the 26th day of July, 1896, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing the proper delegates to said county convention to be held on the 1st day of Aug., 1896.

U. S. BATEMAN,
Chairman Prec. No. 1.

A BARGAIN.

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A Few Predictions.

After free silver will come the election of U. S. senators and president by direct vote of the people, and also the initiative and referendum, then direct taxation for the support of government, then the ground value tax. When this is accomplished eternal vigilance will be the price of liberty, for there will always be some who will watch to catch the people napping and pass laws to benefit classes.

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Notice to Tax Payers.

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JNO. D. WALKER,
Collector.

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